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Sir:

The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. A PTO 1449 (SB08) form and a copy, if required, of each item listed thereon are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



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